

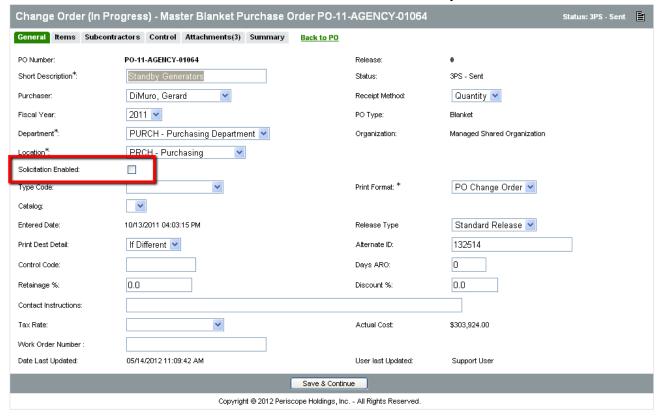
ProcureAZ version 10.0 includes added functionality to use the Master Blanket PO as a list of approved vendor distributors who may then be solicited for their price for contract goods or services. Creation of a Bid-enabled Master Blanket requires the Basic Purchaser role. Once the Master Blanket has been Bid-enabled, the Department Access user may create release requisitions against the blanket and select vendor distributors to be invited to bid. Once approved, the requisition auto-generates a Bid Document that must be managed by a Basic Purchaser user from that point forward through the solicitation and award process, to the creation, approval, and the final sending of the Purchase order.

This functionality is appropriate to use with Master Blanket Purchase Orders that have two or more vendor distributors, to obtain the best pricing from the distributors.

### **Configure an existing Master Blanket for Solicitations**

Be sure you are in the Basic Purchasing role.

Locate the desired Master Blanket. Create a change order, and at the General Tab mark the check box next to Solicitation Enabled. Save & Continue. This is what drives the ability to create solicitations from the blanket.



The Master Blanket will now be Solicitation Enabled. All release requisitions against this blanket will now require a closed solicitation process among vendors selected from the distributors list, selected by the department access user before processing the requisition.

If at some later date the agency desires NOT to have the master blanket be solicitation enabled, another change order must be processed to uncheck the Solicitation Enabled checkbox, and release requisitions will return to the customary release against a blanket with open selection of vendor distributors.





### To begin a solicitation from the Master Blanket:

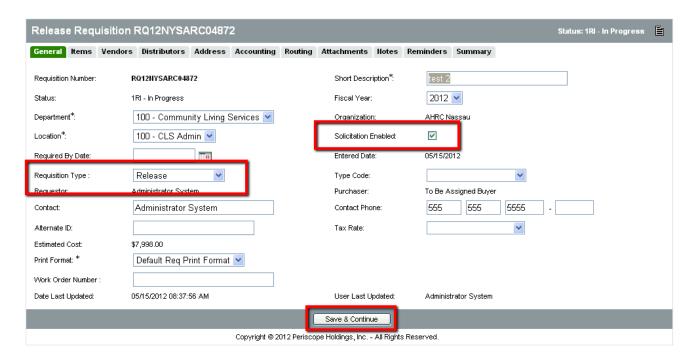
As a **Department Access** user, begin a new requisition: (Documents : Requisitions: New)

#### The General tab

Complete all the required fields and specify that the Requisition type is Release. Acknowledge the requisition type will be changed.



Once the tab updates, a new field will appear called Solicitation Enabled. Click to enable the solicitation.



(If you do not click this, the requisition will behave as a standard release to the primary vendor on the contract) Save and Continue.





#### The Items Tab

Choose Search Items



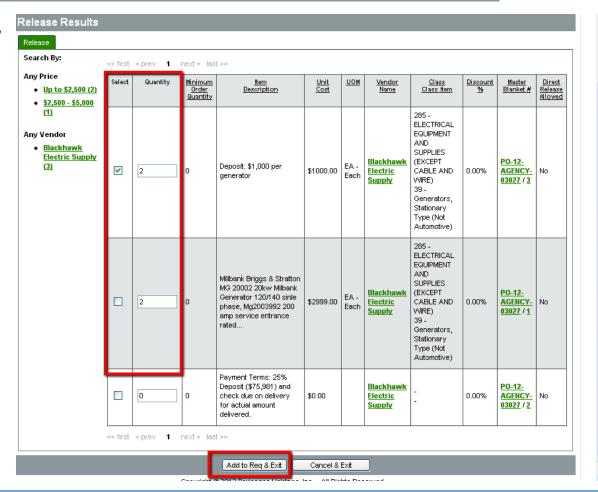




Search for the PO number or primary vendor of the Master Blanket and click Find It

### Advanced Search = Search Using: ALL of the criteria Contract/PO # 3027 Description Item Description Vendor Name Catalog Search Fields: Item Type Y **NIGP Class** v **NIGP Class Item** v Cooperative Purchasing Result Type: Item Show Orderable Only Find It Clear

Add the desired items, then click Add to Req & Exit.







#### The Vendors Tab

No action is necessary at this tab

#### The Distributors Tab

Select which Vendors are to be invited to participate in this solicitation. By default all distributors are selected. You may deselect all by checking and unchecking the select box, or deselect individual vendors by unchecking the box next to their name.



The remaining tabs are completed in the same manner as for any other type of requisition.

Go to the Summary tab and submit the Requisition for approval.

Once the Requisition is approved, it becomes an Open Market Bid in the In Progress status. This is a closed bid, limited to the distributors selected on the Requisition.

From this point forward, all actions must be taken by a user with the **Basic Purchaser** role.

#### Conducting the Solicitation

A user with the role of **Basic Purchase**r must open the bid document and input the bid opening date and bid available date. All the other fields normally editable by a Basic Purchasing user may be edited at this point as well, with the exception that the only vendors that may be added to the Bidders list are the distributors on the Master Blanket.

The Basic Purchasing user completes the required fields and submits the Bid for approval, then sends the bid, and conducts the solicitation, revision, bid tabulation and evaluation process like any other solicitation.





Following approval of the bid award, the awarded bid may be converted to a Release PO or POs to the selected vendor(s) with the amount of the PO recorded on the Master Blanket.



### **Sending the PO and Notifying the Vendor**

The resulting Release PO is at the status of In-Progress. A Basic Purchasing user must edit the PO as necessary before submitting for approval, sending the purchase order, and notifying the vendor.

### **Updates to the Master Blanket**

Once the Release PO goes to '3PS-Sent' status, the control tab of the Master Blanket will be updated to reflect the amount of the PO.



